

EXHIBIT 6

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

2 FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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4 **BLACK LOVE RESISTS IN THE RUST, et al.,**
5 **individually and on behalf of a class of**
6 **all others similarly situated,**

7 Plaintiffs,

8 -vs-

1:18-cv-00719-CCR

9 **CITY OF BUFFALO, N.Y., et al.,**

10 Defendants.
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12 **ORAL EXAMINATION OF DANIEL DERENDA**

13 **APPEARING REMOTELY FROM**

14 **BUFFALO, NEW YORK**

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16
17 November 10, 2021

18 At 9:00 a.m.

19 Pursuant to notice
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~~DANIEL DERENDA~~

1 32 years. Commissioner of police since 2010.

2 Q. Okay. So you were commissioner from 2010
3 through 2018 when you left?

4 A. To January 18.

5 Q. Okay. And then after January 18th you had the
6 employment we discussed?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. What was the BPD Strike Force?

9 MR. QUINN: Object to the form. You can
10 answer.

11 A. Strike Force was a unit that we put together
12 to go and basically supplement other districts
13 so they can go in. They weren't tied to a
14 radio. They were in there to be proactive
15 going after areas where we had spikes in
16 crime.

17 Q. And I'm sorry, Mr. Derenda. You froze for a
18 minute so I couldn't hear your answer.

19 A. Strike Force was the unit we put together --

20 MR. QUINN: Did you get the answer,
21 Rebecca? I want to make sure we're not missing
22 things.

23 (Record read back by reporter)

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~~DANIEL DERENDA~~

1 Q. Okay. And how did performing traffic
2 interdictions or roadblocks help the Strike
3 Force to fulfill its mission?

4 MR. QUINN: Object to the form. You can
5 answer.

6 A. Well, the roadblocks were primarily for
7 traffic safety, but what they also
8 accomplished is high visibility. When they're
9 out there they're being seen and that's part
10 of their mission. It isn't written down.
11 It's the high visibility of the Strike Force
12 because in my opinion I'd rather stop a crime
13 from ever happening than investigate one
14 later, so the more visible officers are, less
15 likely that a crime will be occurring in front
16 of them, but I always thought traffic
17 roadblocks, again traffic safety with the
18 positive benefit of high visibility.

19 Q. If you notice a bit further down it says that
20 the chiefs will develop a weekly list of top
21 five district hotspots to be targeted by the
22 Strike Force. ECAC will develop analysis
23 based on target areas. Sorry. ECAC will

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~~DANIEL DERENDA~~

1 Q. One of the tools the Strike Force used to
2 achieve its mission was traffic checkpoints,
3 correct?

4 MR. QUINN: Object to the form. You can
5 answer.

6 A. Part of their job function was to do traffic
7 checkpoints for traffic safety and high
8 visibility.

9 Q. And the checkpoints were located in crime
10 hotspots?

11 MR. QUINN: Object to the form. You can
12 answer.

13 A. They were located in areas where the officers
14 were assigned.

15 Q. And what first gave you the idea to have the
16 Strike Force do random checkpoints?

17 A. We used to do the roadblocks with the MRU.
18 Again, high visibility, traffic safety and so
19 we had the Strike Force do it, too.

20 Q. And then before the Strike Force officially
21 started did you have conversations with Mayor
22 Brown specifically around the idea that the
23 Strike Force would run roadblocks?

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